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SUBJECT:ISRAELI CABINET DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM
LEBANON

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
PRIME MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION YESTERDAY TO COMPLETE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI
FORCES FROM LEBANON BY JUNE 13 WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A DIFFICULT
ONE. I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN MY
PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR TAKING UP THE ISSUE PROMPTLY IN
THE CABINET FOLLOWING MOSHE'S RETURN FROM ABROAD, AS YOU
HAD INDICATED YOU WOULD. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS OUR BELIEF
THAT THIS DECISION, AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED, WILL STRENGTHEN THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FORCE TO TAKE FIRM CONTROL OVER THE AREA FOR WHICH IT IS
RESPONSIBLE. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERY-
THING WE CAN TO INCREASE STABILITY ALONG ISRAEL'S NORTHERN
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BORDER. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END
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